

# Borough of Rocky Hill

## Council Minutes

September 20, 2004

A regular meeting of the Rocky Hill Borough Council was called to order by Mayor Brian Nolan at 7:30 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country and a moment of silent meditation in memory of the victims and their families on the third anniversary September 11, 2001. It was announced that this meeting has been advertised in the Somerset Messenger Gazette issue of December 6, 2003 in accordance with “The Open Public Meetings Act”.

### ***Roll Call:***

#### **Present**

- Mr. Richard Batchelder
- Mr. Martin Engelbrecht
- Ms. Peggy Harris
- Mr. Edward Zimmerman

#### ***Absent***

- Ms. Connie Hallman
- Mr. George Morren

### ***Minutes***

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 16, 2004 were approved as presented with a motion by Ms. Harris, second by Mr. Batchelder. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

The Minutes of the Executive Session of August 16, 2004 were approved as presented with a motion by Ms. Harris, second by Mr. Batchelder. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

The minutes of The Special Meeting of September 1, 2004 were approved as presented with a motion by Ms. Harris, second by Mr. Batchelder. On a roll call vote Mr. Batchelder, Ms. Harris, and Mr. Zimmerman voted aye. Mr. Engelbrecht abstained.

### ***Public Comment***

Nothing at this time.

### ***State Police Report***

SGT. Morenski stated there were two motor vehicles accident investigations and one criminal investigation in the past month. Mr. Batchelder asked if patrols have been assigned to Crescent Avenue to check truck traffic and was told not at this time but the SGT. will try to have patrols assigned.

### ***Engineer's Report***

A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

Councilmember Harris and Mr. Tanner laid out speed table placement along Princeton and Montgomery Avenues, the contractor should install the tables in early October. The water level meter which the EPA is to install in our well has come in and will be installed shortly. NJDOT Grant Applications are in and we are waiting results.

Bids for Somerset County Park should be received on September 24, 2004.

### ***Bill List***

Mr. Batchelder presented the following RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS THE TREASURER HAS CERTIFIED THAT SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO PAY SAID VOUCHERS: BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING VOUCHERS BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT. Second by Ms. Harris. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. See appendix #1 for the Bill List.

### ***Committee reports***

**Administration & Records:** No report

**Buildings & Grounds:** Mr. Zimmerman reported the Borough Office has been painted by several high school students and the new carpet will be installed Thursday September 24, 2004.

**Finance & Insurance:** Mr. Batchelder reported our website name has been renewed and he is creating E-Mail Addresses for the Tax Collector/Deputy Clerk and CFO/Borough Treasurer.

**Public Safety/ Emergency Services:** No report

**Streets & Roads:** Ms. Harris reported several street lights have been reported out to PSE&G, she suggested a homeowner living near a street light that is out should call PSE&G and give the pole number. She has received several complaints about noisy manhole covers on Rt. 518 and tree branches still cover several Borough Signs.

**Water, Sewer, & Environmental Protection:** Mr. Engelbrecht reported that 2,790,000 gallons of water was pumped during August 2004 and all water test results are good. Mr. Engelbrecht stated there were no problems

reported with the sanitary sewer system. Congressman Fergusson has not returned Mr. Engelbrecht's call to have a meeting on the Rocky Hill Super Fund Project. Montgomery Twp. has not come back to the table with a proposed new sewer agreement. Mr. Kessler and Mr. Engelbrecht checked out an odors call from a resident on 6 Lemoire Circle and found no sewer odor there.

**Council representative to Planning Board:** Ms. Harris reported the approval RESOLUTION for Deborah Land was approved a new escrow Ordinance was discussed and Ms. Bristol gave an update on Cross-Acceptance.

**Construction Official:** No report

**Board of Health:** Mr. Engelbrecht said there has been no movement by Montgomery Twp. and it appears South Brunswick Twp. will be able to perform Health Services for Rocky Hill in 2005.

### ***Special Business***

The paper work for the liquor license transfer was not complete so it will not take place this evening.

Mr. Engelbrecht moved, second by Mr. Zimmerman to approve application for \$250,000.00 in grants for Somerset County Park. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

Mr. Zimmerman moved, second by Mr. Engelbrecht to approve application for a DOT Grant. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

Since Councilmembers have not had time to review Ordinance 14-04 it will be introduced at the October 4, 2004 meeting.

### ***Communications***

They were discussed and ordered filed.

A letter was received from County Administrator Richard Williams stating the County had awarded and five year contract for tax data service to a new vendor and wanted to know if Rocky Hill was interested in using the new vendor and the County will pay the expense.

Mr. Batchelder moved, second by Ms. Harris to approve using the County Tax Data vendor for Rocky Hill Borough. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

### ***Unfinished Business***

Mayor Nolan stated he had received a note from the Fire Company that they were sending a representative to a seminar on Firehouse Design in Charlotte NC and asked if anyone from the Borough Council would like to attend.

It was decided the Fire Company Representative should be able to gather the information needed.

The General Code revisions will be discussed at the October 4, 2004 meeting.

The Cable TV Ordinance will be introduced at the October 4, 2004 meeting.

Mayor Nolan asked Mr. Engelbrecht to check with the Board of Health on the status of the Borough Health Survey.

### ***New Business***

Nothing at this time.

### ***Public Comment***

Nothing at this time.

### ***Adjournment***

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM with a motion by Mr. Batchelder, second by Ms. Harris. On a voice vote all present voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond E. Whitlock Jr.  
Borough Clerk